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Recycling programs clean up Saint Leo University campus

Small woodland creatures rejoice as Saint Leo kicks environmental initiative into high gear.

by Jay Kubica
Co-Editor

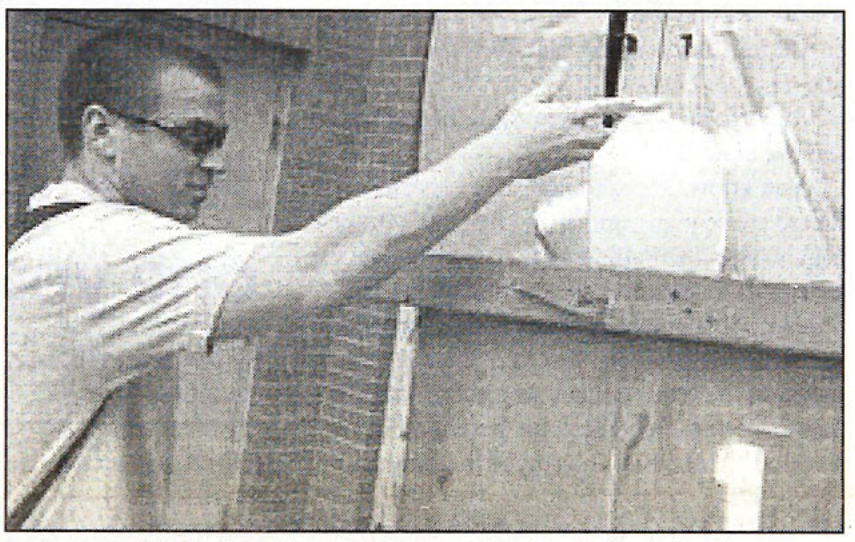
SAINT LEO - Trash will soon be disappearing from bins across Saint Leo University. That's right, recycling programs are back with a vengeance.

There are multiple programs being run concurrently throughout Saint Leo, from the residence halls to the administrative buildings. Community Advisor Rose DiCicco has started the first of the residence hall recycling programs in the Villa.

"Many of my residents last year were interested in recycling, and so I developed the program for them," DiCicco explained. "I will be sponsoring the program for the Villa, but I believe other RAs will be sponsoring it for their residents as well."

The need for recycling at Saint Leo is self-evident to DiCicco and her fellow environmental activists.

"You know, one of our values at Saint Leo is responsible stewardship, and this is one way we can give back to the community," DiCicco stated.



A student at the University of Arizona participates in his school's recycling program. (Courtesy Derekh Froude, Arizona Daily Wildcat)

In Snyder Hall, Resident Assistant Janet Levic will be involved in the new recycling program.

"It's a waste to throw away plastic and paper because we can use it for other things," Levic commented. "Without recycling, everything will go to waste."

Outside of the residence halls, printer cartridges are being recycled for Habitat for Humanity. Dr. Randy Criss, of the Saint Leo University Department of Mathematics and Sciences, is leading this drive.

"I collect the cartridges about once a month, and there's a company that resells them and pays Habitat for them," Criss explained. "Hillsborough Habitat is making about $2000 a month from recycling printer cartridges."

"When the Pasco County chapter of Habitat joins the program, our cartridge donations will shift to that chapter," Criss added.

Parking spaces rarer than palm trees in Antarctica

Scarcity of parking forces students to find alternative methods of keeping their automobiles on campus.

by Rachel Blackwood
Staff Writer

Saint Leo University has grown over the last year. More students were enrolled, and a large freshman class was admitted. However, something has failed to increase with the influx of students: parking spaces.

According to administration, there are enough spaces for everyone on campus. Students see things a little differently.

When asked about the parking situation, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Edward Dadez stated that there are enough parking spaces, however there will be more in the future. He and Head of Security Jerome Helton both asserted that parking inside the circle on the grass is prohibited except for special occasions; it was only intended as a temporary arrangement. Helton explained that there is parking behind Henderson Hall on the grass by the softball field. Dadez added that more grassy areas will be turned into parking lots.

Currently, there are two different parking decals. Green stickers are for residents of The Villas and Marmion and Snyder; gold stickers are for all other students. Junior Treva Moore expressed surprise at this news,

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EDITORIAL

Florida, do you really want to be part of the US?

by the District of Columbia
Special to the Lion's Pride

Recently, some serious issues have been brought to our attention. Your failure to properly handle gubernatorial elections is a matter of no small concern. With this being the second incidence of election guffaws, I'm afraid this may be the last straw. I really hate to ask this, but I, along with the other states, see no other choice.

Florida, do you really want to be part of the United States?

You know, it's not a job for everyone. There are so many duties and responsibilities that go along with the position, such as sending delegates to Washington, abiding by the Constitution, and providing support for federal construction projects, just to name a few, that I can see where most states would fall behind. You may be better suited for statehood in Mexico. And there's no shame in going it alone, either. Who knows, maybe Florida will one day be a great nation. After it stops the boozing and womanizing, that is.

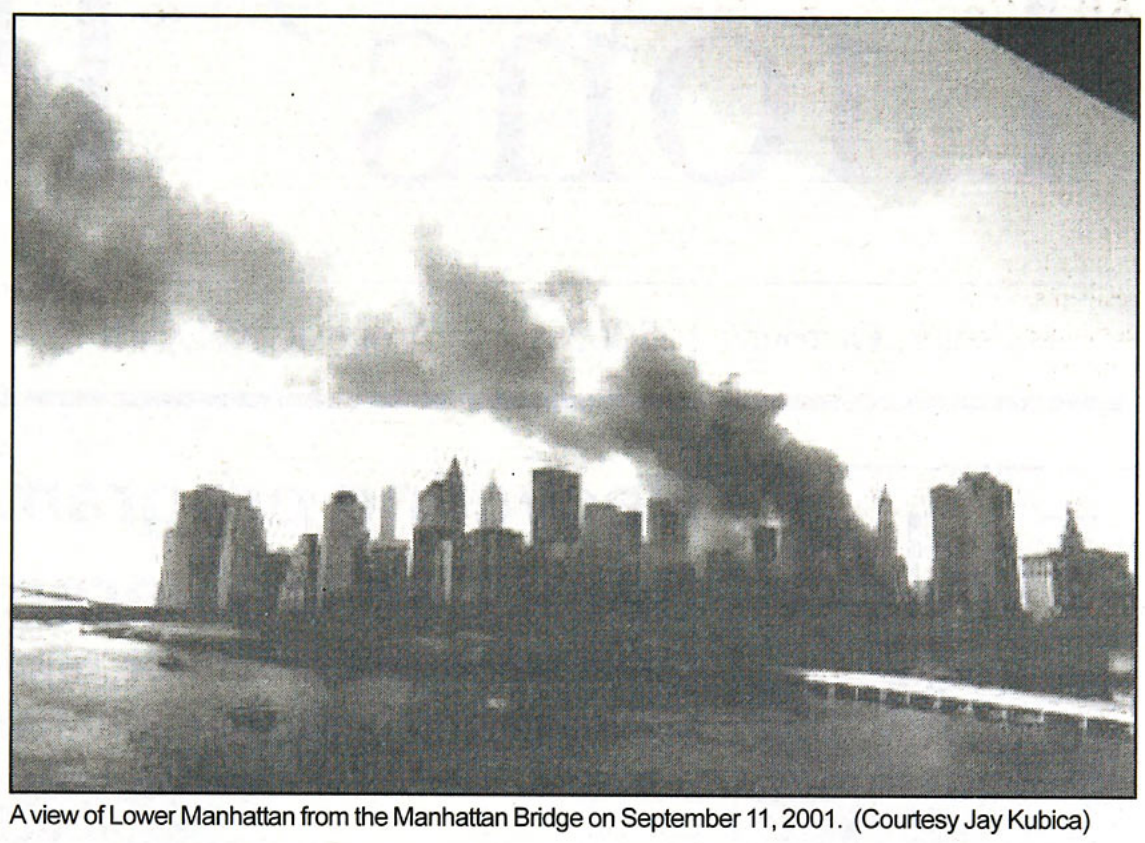
That's right, we all know about your dirty little habits, Florida. Frankly, we're all very disappointed in you. Your potential was so bright back in 1513, when Juan Ponce de Leon first claimed you for Spain. It shone brighter still when, in 1845, you gained statehood as part of the United States. What happened, Florida? Did we fail you in some way?

This isn't to say you haven't been a valued part of the team in the past. You've had some outstanding moments as part of the Union, such as playing host to Kennedy Space Center, having superior beaches, and building all those theme parks. There was a time when none of us could imagine the Unites States without you, Florida.

However, this is all in the past, and we have to make a decision for the present and the future of our great nation. The United States is only as strong as its weakest state, and right now we're about as strong as the village idiot.

Your first and only written warning came after you failed the Union in the 2000 Presidential election. That alone was enough to put you on probation. Now a similar failure has occurred, even after you "crossed your heart and hoped to die" if corrections to your voting facilities didn't remedy your electoral shortcomings. On behalf of all the United States, I'm telling you to shape up or ship out, Florida. You have 30 days to reconsider your place in the Union and show the other states that you can once again be a part of the team. Take it seriously, Florida. Forty-nine stars is starting to sound mighty nice.

Written by Jay Kubica, Co-editor.



A view of Lower Manhattan from the Manhattan Bridge on September 11, 2001. (Courtesy Jay Kubica)

COLUMNS

America still standing strong, one year after terrorism at home

by Jessica Williams
Co-Editor

SAINT LEO – September 11 is a day that will never be forgotten by any American. It was the first time since Pearl Harbor that America had been attacked, so America was not expecting anything.

Since September 11, many documentaries have been done because, as President George W. Bush said, the events occurred and cannot be pushed to the side. Some of these documentaries showed people jumping to their deaths.

Thanks to God and the ongoing commitment of the heroes of New York, many of the missing people are being found alive in hospitals across the city. Ground Zero is said to still have a stench and aura of death surrounding it. Of course nothing can make up for the lives that were lost on that morning.

I can still remember that day vividly; I received the phone call telling me to turn on the news, and just as I did, the second plane hit. I hung up the phone and called my dad begging him to tell me it was not real. I burst into tears because three of my cousins worked in the city, one having previously been employed in the North Tower. Luckily, my family was safe; unfortunately, my childhood town lost many.

A newfound patriotism became a saving grace. Flags still fly proudly in front of many homes. Cars all across America bear flag stickers and decals. People have never been more proud to call America their home.

However, Americans still live in fear. Terrorists are still plotting against our homeland, naming targets like the Statute of Liberty and Golden Gate Bridge. Thus far, these threats have been farces, but still frightening. Even today, many Americans will not fly, causing financial problems for airlines. On the September 11 weekend, a lot of airlines offered special discounted flights to get people back in the air.

Simple pleasures of vacation spots like Disney World have been tarnished due to the high security checks at the entrances to their parks. One thing is for sure, America will never be the same.

Saint Leo University held a candlelight vigil the night of September 11. (Courtesy Natasha Fredericks)

Commuters Represented, Voices Heard

Attention commuters, here is your chance to have your voice heard

by Jessica Williams
Co-Editor

SAINT LEO – When people think of Saint Leo University, they mainly focus on the campus residents, which make the commuters feel like "second-class citizens."

This year Sarah Hard, student affairs coordinator, is working as commuter coordinator and instituting a commuter organization. Through this organization, commuters can voice their opinion about various topics.

"Along with being a voice for commuters, I also hope that the organization can develop into a club that creates some fun events, etc. for commuters and their families," explained Hard about what she hopes students gain from the organization.

Unfortunately, commuters do miss many opportunities and activities that happen on campus due to the fact that most of the commuters have jobs, children, and/or other obligations. These obligations cause the commuters to leave for home directly after classes.

As far as campus activities are concerned, a big complaint in past years is that when tickets to events are handed out, no special consideration is given to commuters who have tight schedules. Last year, commuters would wait for tickets, and then Student Government Union personnel might run late or something would happen causing the commuter to leave frustrated. This year, SGU President Catherine Hopkins wants to work with the commuters to resolve many of the ongoing issues.

Even in the classroom, commuters face problems. Saint Leo professors enjoy assigning group projects throughout the semester. With these group projects, those commuters who travel a distance to campus have trouble finding time to meet with their group members. This is an issue that adds unwanted stress because campus students become irritated as well. In many cases, one of the group members winds up doing the majority of the work.

Admissions had an influx of new students, which has led to an increase in the unavailability of parking. Commuters are leaving a half hour to an hour early from their homes to get a parking space.

"The parking lot has so many pot-holes, I am afraid I will lose my car in one of them. Parking is horrible, even though they did open up the grassy knoll next to the tennis courts," stated Jody Messer, a senior commuter.

Many of the commuters also question why they do not receive i-books along with the campus students. Messer adds, "We pay the same tuition as on-campus students. So we don't pay a housing allowance to St. Leo, but we still have to pay rent somewhere. They should give commuters laptops also."

The cafeteria is of concern as well. Commuters can go to Trane Stop and get 10 meals for $42.50, whereas the commuters pay $5-7 for the separate meals throughout the day. It is an even bigger hassle when club meetings are held in the cafeteria, because the cafeteria workers expect students to pay whether the students are going to eat the food or not.

"The cafeteria hours for meals are too limited. By the time I get out of Tuesday/Thursday classes, they have already stopped serving lunch. I have to spend more money down in the Cage to get less food. There should be a pizza/sandwich/salad bar open in the cafeteria for extended hours. This would probably help a lot of on-campus students, also," explained Messer.

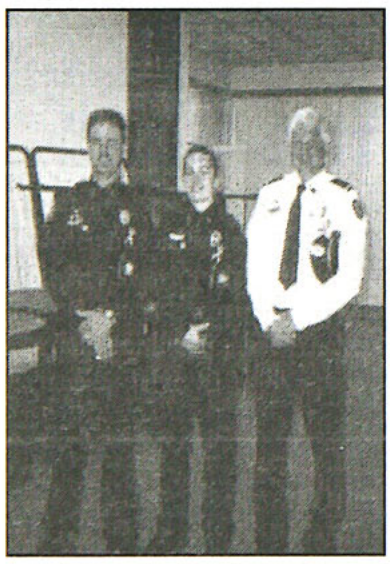
Lastly, commuters often did not have a place to go between classes, so last year, the Student Activity Center (SAC) became known as the commuter lounge. Many commuters went there to study and just relax. This year, a pool table was added to the SAC for students to be able to play pool with friends. Messer feels this takes away from the relaxation of the commuter lounge.

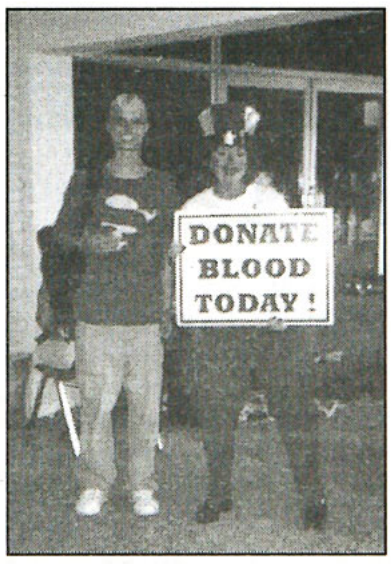
"Last year it was a nice quiet place to study; this year there is a giant pool table in the middle of the room," she said. "It is extremely hard to study when you can hear pool balls clinking together for hours on end."

All those commuters who were concerned with the above issues and others attended the commuter meeting on September 17, from 12:30-1:30 in the SAC.

"All commuters who would like to get involved in what's happening on campus, I highly encourage them to come to the meetings," stated Hard.

United We Stand One Year Later





Clockwise from top: Officers gather for 9-11; Lindsay Larron, Josh Campbell, Nikole Lemons hang up a tribute to 9-11; Nick Costi and Nancy Henderick support the blood drive on 9-11; Inside the Blood Mobile, volunteers work hard at their stations; Valerie Domentey, Allison Maloney, Lisa Bordage, and Jenna Czarnieki at the 9-11 candlelight vigil; the American Flag, the Florida flag, and the Saint Leo flag fly at half-mast on 9-11.

Televison Programming Enters Into Our Lives and Living Rooms Each Night

NBC's *Friends* has become a part of many American lives.

by Jessica Williams
Co-Editor

SAINT LEO – "How you doing?" a popular catchphrase coined by Joey, is used by people all across the country. On September 22, 1994, NBC aired a new television show that introduced six adults living in New York. After the 30 minutes were over, the show had earned a spot in America's heart and left Americans wanting more.

When Thursday rolls around at Saint Leo University – before Ybor City – most students tune into NBC to see what latest issues the *Friends* crew are going through. Why do Americans love these six characters?

When *Friends* began, the characters went through all the emotions and dealt with many of the same issues as the Ordinary Joe, which makes the characters easy to relate to. The crew is known for their shenanigans and catchy phrases.

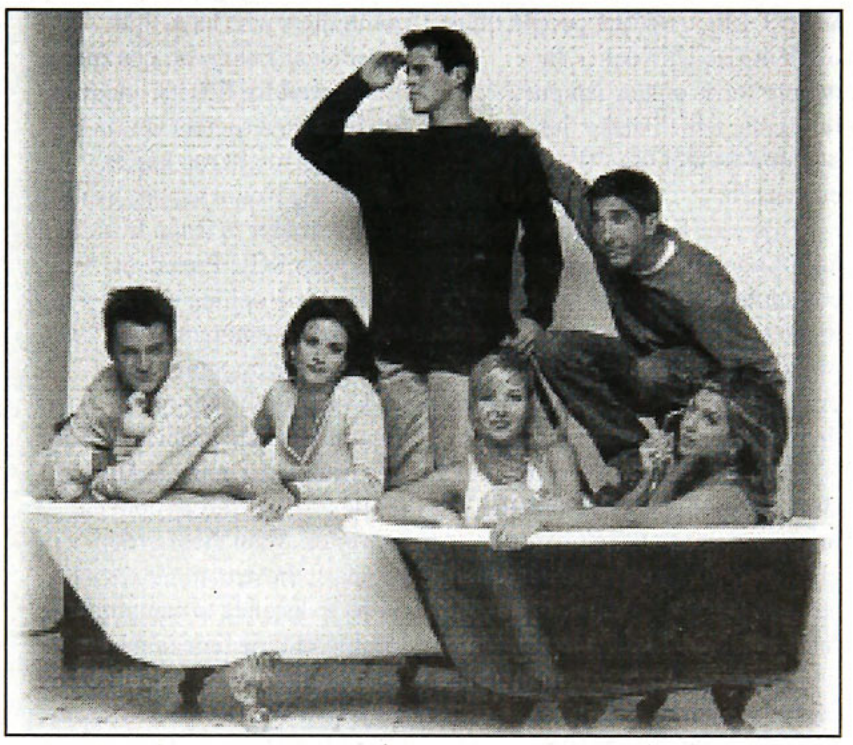
Right after the show started, women all over ran to their beauticians to get the "Rachel" haircut. The producers even put the haircut craze in an episode where Rachel's mom says she wants to copy her daughter's life. Rachel's response, "Couldn't she just have copied my haircut?"

From weddings to births, America has stood by the characters and shed tears with them. On the pilot episode, Rachel is the runaway bride leaving her dentist husband at the altar. Then of course there was the classic Ross' divorce because his wife was a lesbian. In fact, the lesbian wedding was the first ever to be shown on primetime. As for births, the oddball Phoebe gave birth as a surrogate mother to her brother's triplets.

Most of all though, America cannot get enough of the season finales, which are always cliffhangers. One of the most memorable is when Ross was getting married to Emily, and Rachel enters the church to tell him her feelings. Ross winds up saying, "I take you… Rachel," and then the season ends.

More recently on a season finale, when Chandler and Monica were married, Phoebe found a pregnancy test in Monica's bathroom garbage. Was it Monica's? No, Rachel surprised everyone by announcing it was hers. The father? Everyone was left waiting till the next season to find out.

Earlier this past season, Joey and Rachel moved in together until Rachel found another place. Joey took her to dinner and professed his love. Ross, however, was determined to be the father of Rachel's baby. What does this mean? The season finale has Rachel giving birth to a baby girl. Rachel hints toward reuniting with Ross, but he is unsure. Phoebe convinces Ross to ask Rachel to marry him (for real this time). Unfortunately, Joey knocks the ring out of Ross' jacket, and Rachel thinks Joey is proposing and tells him "OK." Now, America is debating: Ross or Joey?



The *Friends* we know and love, back for another season. (Courtesy NBC)

Dr. Edward Dadez, vice president of student activities, stated, "She should choose Ross. I feel that her soul mate is Ross. The two of them have just never had any luck liking each other at the same time. They certainly have continued to love each other through all of their ups and downs."

Saint Leo's student body gave their opinion. More than half chose Ross. For the eight years that *Friends* has been on television, people have enjoyed seeing Ross and Rachel's chemistry.

"I would rather see Rachel with Ross because it's his baby. They are so cute together, and they have all that history. I think Joey is just a crush situation," explained Senior Molly St. James.

"She needs to be with Ross! It's always been Ross and Rachel," exclaimed Claire Kelly, assistant director for Admissions.

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Movie Review: "City by the Sea"

by Rachel Blackwood
Staff Writer

In a Robert De Niro film, there's about a 50 percent chance he'll be playing a cop. The other fifty percent is he'll be playing a mobster. Well, in "City by the Sea," De Niro plays a cop whose son is accused of killing another cop. Although De Niro's performance outshines the rest of the movie, in this film that isn't saying much.

De Niro's character, Vincent LaMarca, is a man who is tormented by his family's actions; his father allegedly kidnapped and murdered an infant, and then his son was accused of two murders. LaMarca tries to protect his son and solve the mystery before his fellow men in blue take revenge on his son, Joey.

The film was directed by Michael Caton-Jones, and he began it with a gritty feel. Shots of Long Beach, New York in its prime were contrasted with contemporary shots, demonstrating the decay of the boardwalk. However, that dark, dirty ambiance melted away as the film progressed. It was covered up by overly dramatic shots of street signs, and a crying child, and glossed over with heartfelt outpourings from jaded New York characters. The three forces that pulled the film along and barely held it together were the quick witty dialog, the humor sprinkled throughout, and De Niro. He made LaMarca say more in a silent scene in his kitchen than a dozen shots of Joey (played by James Franco) wandering around the deserted beach and clutching a map of his childhood sanctuary, Florida. Frances McDormand assisted De Niro well, playing his girlfriend; she is a witness to the events in LaMarca's life and attempts to give him what support she can.

The film did not move along quickly enough to provide any suspense. Even the rare action scenes were slow. For a New York cop movie, there were simply too many talking scenes (or scenes of Joey wandering around the beach). Since the crime scenes are shown to the audience, there isn't even a mystery. The film focuses more on the stigma of a criminal past and family relationships. This movie is not the dark, mysterious crime drama it was advertised to be. De Niro does not walk around New York intimidating people or beating them up; he spends time contemplating his childhood and fatherhood while his son plays in the sand, shoots up drugs, and waits to be rescued.

U.S to be Vaccinated Against Smallpox

by Kristen Schorsch
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — U.S. Department of Health and Human Services plans to purchase more than 200 million doses of the smallpox vaccine by December hoping to vaccinate every U.S. citizen.

The White House believes terrorists could strike against the United States with smallpox.

"If the smallpox virus was reintroduced into society, it would be as an act of bioterrorism," said department spokesman Bill Pierce.

Under the plan, health care workers might be the first to be given the smallpox vaccine.

The plan would vaccinate those at greatest risk of encountering a patient with smallpox, such as infectious disease specialists and emergency room personnel, Pierce said.

The last case of smallpox in the world was reported in 1977, according to the department's website. The disease was declared eradicated worldwide in 1980 by the World Health Organization.

In March, Department Secretary Tommy Thompson announced plans to obtain more than 75 million doses of smallpox vaccine from Aventis Pasteur Inc. But the decades-old vaccine has to be proven safe and effective before it is used.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has 15.4 million existing doses of the smallpox vaccine. The vaccine can be diluted effectively five times, increasing the stock to 77 million doses, Pierce said. In addition to the 77 million doses, Pierce said the department is purchasing 206 million more, totaling about 283 million doses of the smallpox vaccine.

However, Lynne Reagan, Carle Hospital registered nurse and manager of infection control, said the vaccine does have some side effects.

When people get vaccinated, the dose can actually harm them depending on their immune system.

"An X number of people expect to die per million" that get the smallpox vaccine, Reagan said.

The virus also can be spread if a person touches the area where another person received the vaccination, she added.

Reagan said some symptoms of the virus include a rash of large, fluid-filled vesicles that resemble blisters. Flu-like symptoms, such as a fever, headache and a backache, also signal smallpox.

Joanna Shisler, assistant professor of microbiology, said the vaccine is a precautionary measure.

She added that the vaccine can be given up to five days after a person becomes infected with the virus. Shisler has been working with a form of the smallpox vaccine, called the vaccinia virus, for about six years. The vaccine Shisler is working with protects people against the virus without getting them sick.

Vaccinations to prevent smallpox have not been given in the U.S. since 1972. People who were given the vaccination prior to 1972 most likely have diminished immunity to smallpox.

Many people that received the vaccination years ago might not be protected now from the disease, Reagan said. She added research does not clarify how long the vaccination is good for. The vaccine doesn't offer "full immunity for a lifetime," she said.

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since she had not heard about the decals or the additional parking behind Henderson.

The parking situation is aggravated by the fact Security is not adequately communicating with students about parking. Moore stated that, as a commuter, she has great difficulty finding a space to park and dreads leaving in the middle of the day, for fear of losing her spot. She suggested that parking areas should be marked more clearly, and commuters, along with residents, should be made aware of any changes in the parking policy. Commuters do not have the option of taking a bus or train to school; there's no mass transit available. As she and fellow commuter Danielle Flury have to drive, they feel commuters should be given priority when it comes to parking, and more parking should be made available.

Residents aren't having an easier time with parking. Senior Emily Pope and junior Curtis Robinson both have trouble parking if they have to leave campus during the day. Pope says that she hopes the school will remedy the parking situation because students are starting to park in undesignated areas.

Although the administration states that the parking area is adequate, students disagree. Most students would like to see more parking areas and better organization. If the situation is not attended to, the community as a whole will suffer.

Lack of Sun Savvy Leaves Students Burned

by Idan Ivri
Daily Bruin

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - Summer is in full swing, and for many students at the University of California-Los Angeles, it means only one thing — fun in the sun.

But before students put too much work into their summer tans, sunbathers should know that too much sun exposure — at any age — puts them at risk for developing skin cancer later in life.

"It's a fact that many people get harmful sun exposure during (their) youth," said Dr. Michael Kolodney of the UCLA Division of Dermatology.

Young people are at a high risk for skin damage because they often spend time outdoors working, playing sports or relaxing. Coupled with the fact students usually don't seek medical help for repeated sunburns, "It's not uncommon to see people (as early as their) 30s with skin cancer," Kolodney said.

Southern California is blessed with warm summer weather, which encourages young people to begin tanning early in life.

Polly Averyt, 42, a Southern California native from Newport Beach, Calif., has been living with skin cancer since childhood. She was first diagnosed with basal cell carcinoma, a common form of skin cancer, at 13.

In her youth, Averyt sunburned and peeled many times. But, she said, the "risks were not known then, and tans were complimented, (so) I felt better with a tan."

After years of recurrences of the cancer, Averyt needed extensive reconstructive surgery to her face to repair the damage caused by removing tumors.

Luckily, her condition was not fatal. Basal cell carcinoma, along with squamous cell carcinoma, are types of skin cancer that are painful and uncomfortable to live with, but treatable.

"Generally, both basal cell and squamous cell cancers don't spread quickly, which makes them easier to treat," Kolodney said.

Eight hundred thousand new cases of BCC and 200,000 new cases of squamous cell carcinoma affect Americans every year, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation. These cancers occur in areas like the face, neck, shoulders, arms, and especially around the lower lip and ear.

Melanoma, the third and most dangerous type of skin cancer, afflicts 51,000 Americans every year. If not treated early on, melanoma can be fatal.

While most young people at UCLA may know about the risks of skin cancer, many don't always follow the medical guidelines to avoid overexposure to the sun — sunscreen and shade.

"I usually wear sunscreen, but if I'm out all day, sometimes I'll only put it on once," said Louis Rigolosi, a fourth-year microbiology student.

Raffi Kalenderian, a fourth-year art student, sometimes forgets to bring sunscreen and has to borrow from others. While students often end up burning in the sun, they rarely seek treatment.

Bettina Pedone, a nurse practitioner at the Arthur Ashe Student Health and Wellness Center, said she sees few students from UCLA campus seeking help or advice for sunburns.

"I've seen ... maybe one or two this year," Pedone said.

Chris Lewis, a nurse practitioner specializing in dermatology at the Ashe Center, agreed with Pedone. Except to get treatment for the pain of the burn, students by and large do not come in to inquire about the risks of cancer, Lewis said.

Students, who do go to use the Ashe Center's dermatology resources, can get full-body screen for skin damage and treatment for severe sunburns.

If the condition of the skin is especially dangerous, the Ashe Center will refer students to the UCLA Division of Dermatology for medical attention.

In most cases, Lewis said, students burned as a result of not using sunscreen. But simply applying sunscreen to avoid these complications is not always enough, said Lewis.

"There's a misconception about sunscreen," Lewis said. "If they (students) have it on, people stay out in sun longer — so it's no use."

The rules of staying safe in the sun are the same today as they were 25 years ago for Polly Averyt: apply sunscreen in advance, and keep reapplying. Wear sunglasses, and avoid excessive sun exposure between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

New treatments for skin damage have emerged in recent years, but medicine still cannot reverse injury already inflicted.

Sports

by Chris Bennett
Special to the Lions' Pride

Saint Leo Men's Soccer Goes 1-0-1 In Bentley Classic

After finishing 1-0-1 in the Bentley College Classic in Waltham, MA, Saint Leo University men's soccer team turned its attention to the home opener against non-conference foe American International College.

The Lions opened the 2002 season on a high note, upsetting Southern New Hampshire University, ranked No. 19 in the nation, 2-1 last Saturday and followed this up with a double overtime scoreless tie with Bentley College.

Senior Ryan Smith of Tampa, FL scored the first goal of the season for the Lions 10:25 into the match against Southern New Hampshire. It came on a classic crossing pass from sophomore defender Neil Laxdal of Lakeland, FL.

Smith broke free at the 68:56 mark of the match and beat the Penmen keeper, who in turn took him down in the box to set up a penalty kick. Senior midfielder Claus Hagedorn of Buenos Aires, Argentina successfully converted the PK to make it 2-0. SNHU scored with 11 minutes remaining on a penalty kick.

Senior goalie Charlie Long of Holiday, FL was strong in the net and came up with four key saves. Other outstanding defensive performances were turned in by senior Juan Palacio of Cordoba, Argentina and junior Dane Fernandez of Lutz, FL.

The Saint Leo/Bentley match was played in a steady rain. The Lions outshot the Falcons 17-13 and had nine shots on goal, but couldn't break through. Freshman midfielder Genecarolo Secco-Vargas of Lima, Peru was stymied with 17 minutes left in regulation on a leaping save by the Falcon goalie and Hagedorn missed an open net with 10 minutes remaining when his short chip shot sailed over the net.

Once again, Long was outstanding in the net. He came up with seven saves overall, several being point blank attempts by the Falcons.

Lion Volleyball Team Goes 5-0 in First Week of the Season

After going 4-0 in the University of Alabama-Huntsville Classic and defeating Valdosta State University Sunday on the way home, the Saint Leo University volleyball team prepared for the Rollins College Classic.

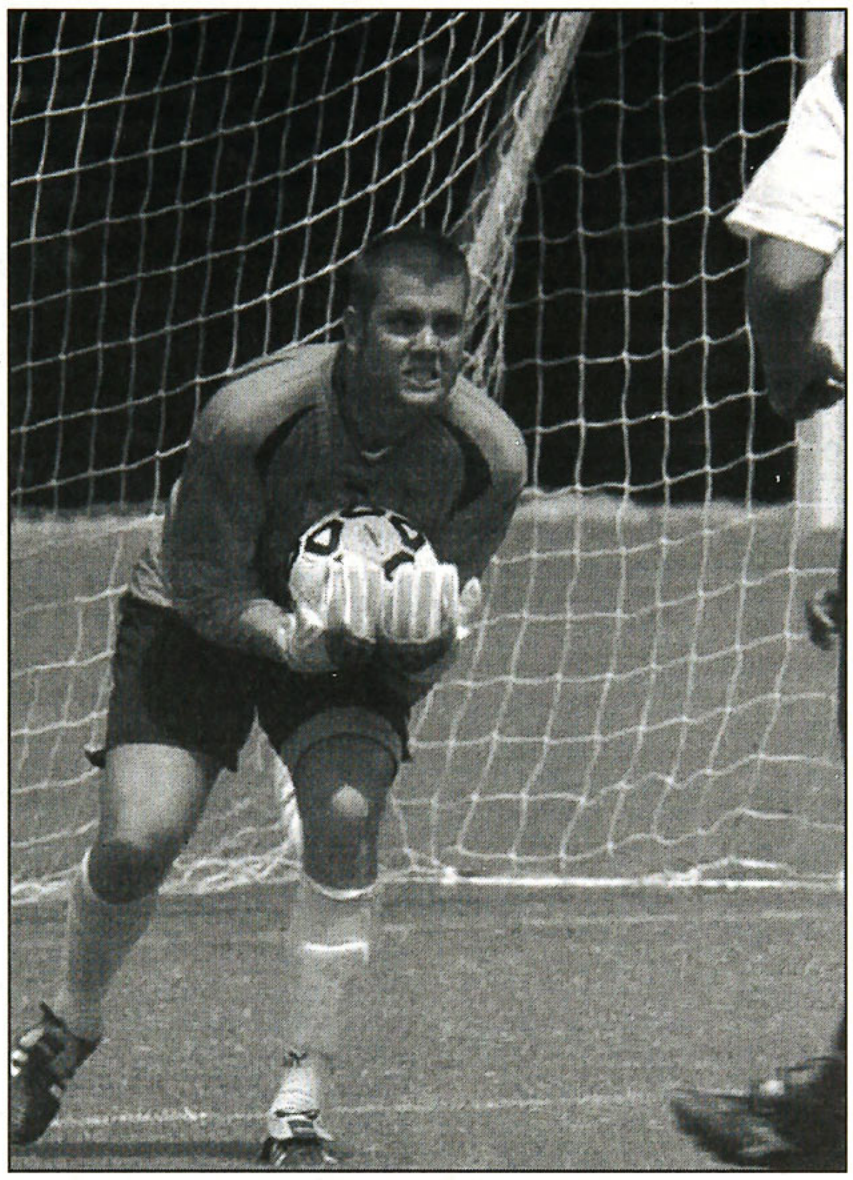
The Lions met Northwood University and Slippery Rock University and closed out play with a match against Abilene Christian College.

Saint Leo opened its season with a four-game win over Alabama-Huntsville by scores of 34-32, 30-20, 32-34, 30-21. The Lions swept the University of West Georgia by scores of 30-18, 30-23, 30-20; defeated Carson Newman College by scores of 30-24, 24-30, 30 20, 30-28; and closed out play by sweeping Lenoir-Rhyne College 30-23, 30-17, 30-19.

The Lions won their fifth straight against Valdosta State by scores of 30-22, 30-17, 26-30, 30-25.

Against Alabama-Huntsville, senior middle hitter Tina Florea of Baia Mare, Romania had 21 kills, 13 digs and a .311 attack percentage, while senior middle blocker Lottie Philip of Castries, St. Lucia had 13 kills and a .391 attack percentage. Florea had 20 kills, nine digs and a .750 attack percentage against West Georgia, while sophomore middle hitter Alison Baker of Hudson, FL had seven kills and a .455 attack percentage.

Florea had 16 kills and a .520 attack percentage to lead the way against Carson Newman, while junior outside hitter Rachael Yockey of Sylvania, OH had 10 kills,



Senior Goalie Charlie Long saves the ball once again. (Courtesy Chris Bennett)

freshman defensive specialist Eva Thompson of Erlanger, KY had 18 digs and freshman setter Laura Manovill of Dunedin, FL had 42 assists and 10 digs.

Florea again led the way against Valdosta State with 12 kills, 10 digs and a .321 attack percentage, while Manovill had 30 assists and 11 digs, and sophomore outside hitter Robbie Beach of Dayton, OH had nine kills, a .450 attack percentage and 10 digs.

Saint Leo Athletes Honored at Sunshine State Conference

The Sunshine State Conference honored two Saint Leo University student-athletes Tuesday for their performances. Charlie Long, senior goalie for the men's soccer team, was named co-defensive player-of-the-week, while senior middle hitter Cristiana Florea of was chosen volleyball player-of-the-week.

Long tallied one shutout and 11 saves in 200 minutes as the Lions opened the season with a 1-0-1 record. The victory came over Southern New Hampshire University, ranked No. 19 in the nation. The only goal he allowed was on a penalty kick.

Florea spearheaded the Lions to a 5-0 start. She had a .410 hitting percentage and averaged 4.35 kills, 2.65 digs and .59 blocks per game.

Horoscopes

Aries (March 21 – April 19) It's OK to love pastry puffs. It's not OK to stalk Betty Crocker.
Taurus (April 20 – May 20) You will have a profound religious experience this week when Mr. Rogers reveals the secrets of the universe using hand puppets.
Gemini (May 21 – June 21) It's time to leave that negative situation in your life. Call AAA and get off the road. You're blocking traffic.
Cancer (June 22 – July 22) There's a time to be born and a time to die. There's also a time to fart, but never near an open flame.
Leo (July 23 – August 22) The eternal question of "Where's the beef?" will become especially important to you this week when a herd of cows trample your car.
Virgo (August 23 – September 22) Good luck shines on you this week. Expect a promotion from lightweight pretty boy to full time yes-man.
Libra (September 23 – October 23) It's only natural to follow your instincts. Unfortunately for those around you, you're a bulldog, and your only instinct is to pee on the nearest leg.
Scorpio (October 24 – November 21) The stars see love in your future. Love of about 14 chocolates cakes that is.
Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21) Luckily, your smelly, inconsiderate roommate moves out this week. Unluckily, it's because the building got bulldozed.
Capricorn (December 22 – January 19) Your hard work in the gym will result not only in a really hot ass, but self-immolation as well.
Aquarius (January 20 – February 18) Imagine Mel Gibson. Now imagine Joe Pesci. These men will soon play a prominent role in your life, since TNT is running Lethal Weapon 4 all weekend.
Pisces (February 19 – March 20) When in doubt, be like a cat. Lick.

Sports

by Chris Bennett
Special to the Lions' Pride

LION SOCCER TEAM POSTS IMPRESSIVE WIN OVER AIC

The hair is safe.

While being interviewed, Saint Leo University men's soccer player Tony Rosso stated if he didn't score against American International College, he would probably have a barber cut off all his hair to change his luck.

The sophomore forward from Tarpon Springs, FL led the Lions in scoring last year but started the season in a mini slump, failing to hit the back of the net after two matches.

That all changed.

Rosso scored twice and added an assist to lead the Lions (2-0-1) to a 4-1 non-conference victory over AIC. It was the Yellow Jackets' first loss of the year after posting two shutout wins over Bentley College and defending Division II national champion, the University of Tampa.

John Semeraro, sophomore midfielder from Paducah, KY, started the scoring off at the 34:11 mark on an assist by sophomore defender Neil Laxdal (Lakeland, FL). Rosso scored at 40:53 on assists by senior forward Federico Polo (Bragado, Argentina) and freshman midfielder Giancarlo Conte (Port Saint Lucie, FL). Senior midfielder Claus Hagedorn (Buenos Aires, Argentina) scored at the 80-minute mark on an assist by Rosso, and Rosso finished the day at the 84:18 mark with his second goal on Conte's second assist of the match.

"We were strong on defense," said Saint Leo Coach Fran Reidy. "Neil Laxdal was outstanding at both ends of the field. His great cross set up our first goal and got us rolling on offense. He was all over the place on defense, disrupting AIC."

Saint Leo, ranked No. 16 in the nation and No. 3 in the South Region, were on the road for a pair of South Region matches. First up was the University of Montevallo (AL). The Lions played at the University of West Florida afterwards.

WOMEN SOCCER TEAM BREAKS THROUGH FOR FIRST VICTORY

After a frustrating 1-0 loss in the opening match of the season on August 31 against St. Thomas, the Saint Leo University women's soccer team rebounded September 3 to wallop Webber International University 4-0 at home.

The Lions were on the road for two South Region matches. They played at Alabama-Huntsville and at North Alabama.

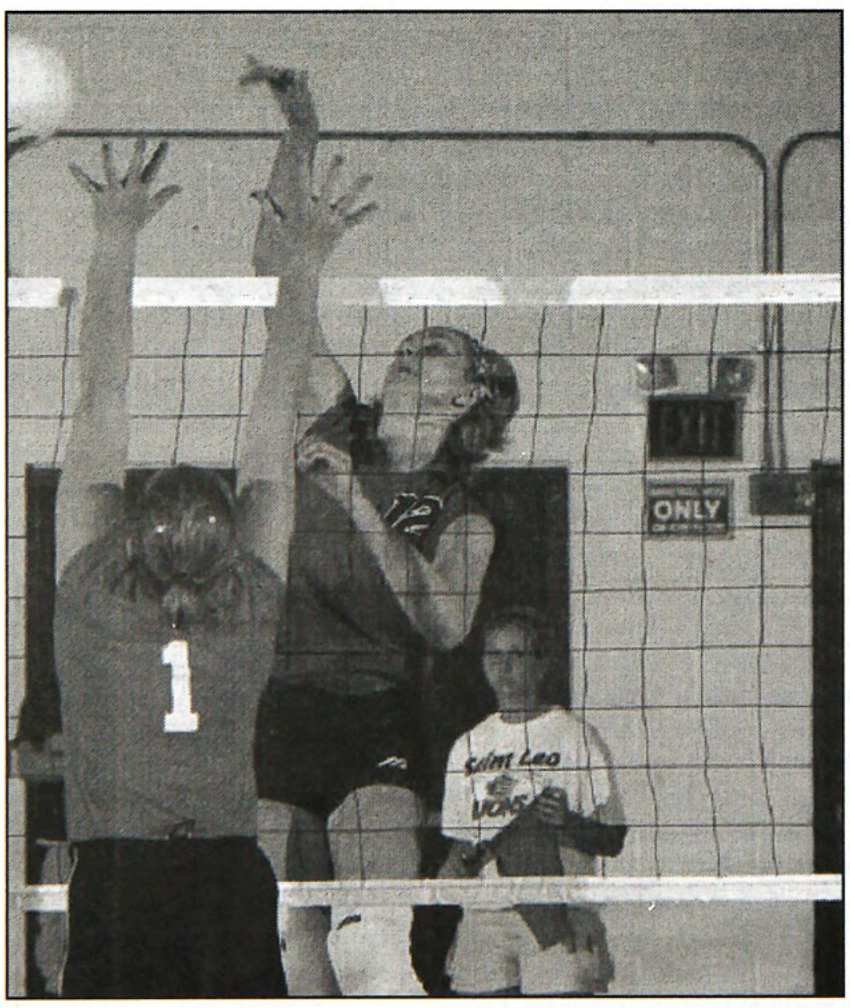
Junior winger Helen Brady (Pinellas Park, FL) and sophomore defender Kim Ciliberto (Johnston, RI) were the offensive and defensive stars respectively in the Webber match.

Brady scored the team's first and final goals. Her first goal was unassisted at the 30-minute mark. Sophomore striker Caron Lumbra (Orlando, FL) made it 2-0 with 4:42 remaining to intermission on an assist from freshman forward Sarah Wright (Clearwater, FL).

Junior striker Kate McKenna (Largo, FL) scored the team's third goal midway the second half off an assist by freshman midfielder Kristin Stephens (Orlando, FL). Brady wrapped up the scoring with 6:42 remaining on an assist from sophomore striker Charlotte Edwardson (High Springs, FL).

Senior keeper Amber Ferrol (Largo, FL) posted her first shutout of the season, thanks to a great defense led by Ciliberto.

"Kim's coolness under pressure has a settling effect on our defense," said Saint Leo Coach Tony Paris. "She rarely gives the ball away. Webber had only three shots on goal, and none were strong shots."



Senior Middle Hitter Cristiana Florea opens up a can of whoop-ass. (Courtesy Chris Bennett)

LION VOLLEYBALL TEAM SEEKS TO REBOUND THIS WEEK

A home match with Valdosta State University and four matches in the Bentley College (MA) Classic highlighted play for the now 6-2 Saint Leo University volleyball team.

The Lions hoped to make it two straight against Valdosta State. They defeated Valdosta in four games on the road September 1. Saint Leo plays New Haven and New York Tech at Bentley and close out with matches against the host school and Bryant College.

Saint Leo went 1-2 in the Rollins College Classic. Northwood University defeated Saint Leo 30-18, 30-24, 30-18 in the opening match, but bounced back to defeat Slippery Rock 30-27, 30-27, 30-21 later that day. Abilene Christian knocked off the Lions 30-18, 30-25, 30-26 in their lone match..

Cristiana Florea, a senior middle hitter, had 12 kills, 14 digs and six service aces in the Slippery Rock match, while freshman setter Laura Manovill had 36 assists, and sophomore outside hitter Robbie Beach of Dayton, OH added eight kills and nine digs.

Against Abilene Christian, Beach had 10 kills and seven digs, while Manovill had 33 assists, and Florea had nine kills and nine digs.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS COMPETE AT UCF INVITATIONAL

The Saint Leo University men's and women's cross country teams competed in the University of Central Florida Invitational in Orlando. It was the first meet of the year for the Lions.

The men's team finished 14th in a field of 14. Due to several protests in the women's three-mile race no results were released.

Florida International University won the men's four-mile with 43 points. Saint Leo had 427 points.

Freshman Ryan Laporte was the first Lion across the finish line in 124th place with a time of 27:11.60, while sophomore Ken Corrigiano was 125th at 27:39.60, sophomore Daniel Kahl was 135th at 34:48.90, freshman Joseph Delach was 137th at 39:12.01, freshman Matthew Duran was 139th at 39:41.48 and sophomore Armondo Grundy-Gomes was 140th at 45:44.54.

IDGEWOOD PREP ATHLETE PICKS SLU COACH PARIS AS HERO

Taylor Greene, a senior girls' soccer player for Ridgewood High School in New Port Richey, FL, was nominated by her school for the Heisman Award, sponsored by Wendy's Restaurant. Each school can nominate one senior boy and one senior girl for the scholarship award.

As part of the nomination process, each student has to write an essay about a person that has been a hero to them. Taylor selected Saint Leo University women's soccer coach Tony Paris.

"Even though Taylor has chosen not to play soccer in college, Coach Paris still has made an impact on her life," said Jane Greene, Taylor's mother. "We hope this brings Coach Paris a great sense of satisfaction to know that he has touched her life along with many others he has worked with."

In part, Taylor wrote the following about Paris: "I feel a hero is someone who makes a difference in other peoples' lives. A hero is someone who goes out of their way to make a person feel good about themselves and help put direction in their lives.

"Coach Paris was my elementary school physical education teacher and coach and changed my life. He introduced me to soccer. I know of many other young ladies he has also influenced. He is a very caring and religious man. He is passionate about soccer and loves to teach children and young adults the game. He is an easy going man and believes in getting along with everyone. He wants to make a difference. I believe these are the qualities that attribute to a hero and these qualities describe Tony Paris."

Paris said he was overcome with emotion when told by Taylor's parents. "My gift is soccer and it's my passion," said Paris. "Anyone that shows an interest, I want to help develop their skills so they can truly enjoy the sport, as I do."

Sports

Cross Country Team Has Determined, Promising Future

New Head Coach Cyle Sage brings enthusiasm, vision to team

by Brillion Williams
Staff Writer

What do you think of when you hear the words strength, determination, blood, sweat, and tears? You think of the cross-country team, right? Well, if you don't think of the cross-country team, you should.

Although the 2002 season opens up as a rebuilding year, the runners are all working hard and willing to do whatever it takes to become one of the elite teams in the Sunshine State Conference. With the new head coach Cyle Sage leading the way, success is sure to come.

Coach Sage is very excited about coaching on the collegiate level because he enjoys training student-athletes and bringing the best out of those athletes.

"Being a student-athlete is very challenging," Sage says. "The athletes are not only here to run cross-country, but they are also here to further their education. They make big commitments to represent themselves in a positive way, and they are also here to represent their school."

Although Sage was not a cross-country runner in college, he trained with the cross-country team in order to get in shape because he was a swimmer at The University of Tennessee. It was then he realized how beneficial doing both cross-country and swimming was.

"Once I started competing, I learned that you can teach anyone how to run properly. I learned the techniques of running, and I felt the need to help others learn how to run, too," Sage explains.

Coach Sage chose Saint Leo University because he felt that the quiet atmosphere here allows athletes to focus on their sport because they are not distracted by the busy city life.

The cross-country team had their first meet in Orlando. Although neither the women's or men's team placed well, Sage says, "This year, standings don't matter."

Sage says, "This year is a developmental year. We have two returning runners from the women's team, junior Katie Etchison and sophomore Mary Beth Morrison. Our men's team has an all new team of runners."

Sage adds, "Freshman Ryan Laporte is the only runner on the team who actually ran cross-country in high school."

"Our goal this year is to go to the meets and put out our best effort. I am satisfied that everyone finished the meet, and as long as we improve, I couldn't ask for more," explains Sage.

This is the first time the cross-country team has had a full roster in three or four years. Sage accredits that to the fact he approached this year's team as a running club.

SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Women	Men
Krysia Scherlinger	Joel Stephens
Senior	Sophomore
Brillion Williams	Daniel Kahl
Senior	Sophomore
Katie Etchison	Ryan Laporte
Junior	Freshman
Maria Martin	Matthew Duran
Junior	Freshman
Mary Beth Morrison	Joseph Delach
Sophomore	Freshman
Danielle Walter	Ken Corigliano
Freshman	Freshman
Sandrene Bennett	Armando Grundy Gomes
Freshman	Freshman

He went out and recruited people on campus who enjoy running, and he also managed to recruit multi-sport athletes for the women's team. Senior Brillion Williams and junior Maria Martin both run on the team and play basketball. Senior Krysia Scherlinger plays tennis and runs on the cross-country team as well.

Winning a conference championship is a realistic goal for the cross-country team.

"We may not win one this year, but it could happen for us in the next three or four years. As long as we motivate each other, bring in the necessary talent, and stay healthy, we could compete with the other teams in the conference," Sage says.

"It's a unique element to understand the importance of cross training," says Sage. "There aren't too many cross-country teams on any level who have multi-sport athletes. Unlike most coaches, I encourage my runners to engage in other sports."

Coach Sage is excited about the years to come for his cross-country team.

"There's nowhere to go but up, and that's a good direction to be going in," Sage explains.

Sports News

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Men's Soccer Team Posts Two Victories

With your leading scorer sidelined with an injury, the focus was on the rest of the team to pick up the slack.

The Saint Leo University men's soccer team was faced with this situation in Jacksonville against the University of North Florida. Sophomore forward Tony Rosso suffered a leg muscle strain during the 4-0 win on Friday over the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Rosso, a sophomore from Tarpon Springs, FL, scored twice in that game and has 13 points on the year on six goals and an assist.

The rest of the team did pick up the slack.

The Lions came away with a 3-1 triumph on goals by freshman forward Genecarlo Secco of Lima, Peru, senior forward Federico Polo of Bragado, Argentina and junior defender Dane Fernandez of Lutz, FL and now stand 5-1-1 on the season. Polo's goal snapped a 1-1 tie at the 65-minute mark. Fernandez and senior midfielder Claus Hagedorn of Buenos Aires, Argentina added assists.

In the win over UAH, senior goalie Charlie Long of Holiday, FL earned his third shutout of the season, while Secco and sophomore forward Gus Kalathakis of Port Richey, FL added goals. Polo, senior forward Ryan Smith of Tampa, FL and sophomore defender Niel Laxdal of Lakeland, FL added assists.

Fernandez was outstanding in both games on defense, leading the back line that permitted only five shots on goal against UAH and three against UNF. For his play in the two games, he was named Sunshine State Conference defensive player-of-the-week.

Volleyball Begins Conference Play

Phase Two of the 2002 volleyball season began for Coach Bill Lent and his Saint Leo University team - Sunshine State Conference matches.

The Lions, 8-6 in non-league games, were at home for their two matches. It began when Lynn University invaded Marion Bowman Activities Center for a match. Defending Division II national champion Barry University followed.

"It's time to step it up," said Coach Bill Lent. "Each time you hit the floor in this conference for a match it's a war. There isn't a team in our league you can take lightly. Its' either bring your A Game, or you won't be happy after the match."

The Lions warmed up for league play by turning back Clearwater Christian College in straight games by scores of 30-21, 30-15, 32-20. Sophomore middle hitter Alison Baker of Hudson, FL led the way with an outstanding performance. She played in only two games, but dominated things with a .364 attack percentage and six kills.

Sophomore outside hitter Robbie Beach of Dayton, OH chipped in with eight kills, three service aces, five assists and 11 digs, while senior All-America middle hitter Tina Florea of Baia Mare, Romania had a .313 attack percentage, eight kills and 10 digs. Freshman setter Laura Manovill had 31 assists, nine digs and three service aces.